



Jerome Richard "Jerry" Ruzbacki

January 27, 1938 - October 16, 2023

Jerome Richard "Jerry" Ruzbacki passed away peacefully Monday, October 16, 2023

surrounded by family. He was 85.

Jerry was born on January 27, 1938 in East Vandergrift, PA to William R. Ruzbacki

and Stella A. (Kaszubski) Ruzbacki.

The grandson of Polish immigrants, he was proud of his heritage and his Catholic

faith. As a young man, he played accordion with the Pittsburgh All-University Tamburitzans. He played for many years in various polka bands at weddings and other

events. Though arthritis slowed his fingers with age, he never lost his love for making

music. Listening to him play brought great joy to his family and friends.

Jerry graduated from Vandergrift High School in 1955 and entered Alliance College,

where he studied Engineering. He also studied at West Virginia University and the

University of Pittsburgh before beginning his career as a Computer for NUMEC. After over

40 years in the information technology field, he retired from General Electric in 2001 and

settled in Surfside Beach, SC.

In 1958, Jerry married his high school sweetheart, Loretta Losasso, at the All Saints

Catholic Church in East Vandergrift. They celebrated their 65th Anniversary on June 7,

2023. Together they raised a large and beautiful family.

Jerry was a devoted husband, dad, and PapPap whose highest priority was spending

quality time with his family. He attended countless sporting events, plays, concerts, recitals,

and parties. He never missed a wedding or graduation. He loved to make a surprise visit.

His wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren will cherish these memories

always and miss him dearly every day.

In addition to his bride, Jerry is survived by their four children: Marilyn Ashwell (Todd) of Marietta, GA; Timothy Ruzbacki of Surfside Beach, SC; Linda Angelo (James) of

Lower Burrell, PA; and Karen Porter (John) of Lewisville, TX. He also leaves behind 10

grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and

younger brother, Timothy J. Ruzbacki.

If you would like to make a memorial donation in Jerry's name, the family suggests donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at

stjude.org/donate or The Wounded Warrior Project at support.woundedwarriorproject.org.

Memorial Mass will be held 1:00 PM, December 1, 2023 at St. Michael Catholic Church in Murrells Inlet, SC.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

DEC 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Michael's Catholic Church
542 Cypress Ave
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576
(843) 651-3737

Tribute Wall



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jerome Richard "Jerry" Ruzbacki.*



November 27, 2023 at 07:37 PM



“ *Anthony B. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Jerome Richard "Jerry" Ruzbacki.*



Anthony B. - October 29, 2023 at 12:48 PM



“ *My Deepest Condolences to Loretta, Marilyn, Timothy, Linda, Karen and the entire family over the loss of a great man. I will always have fond memories of Jerry when he played with the Eddie Mack Orchestra. Jerry was forever passionate about his family, his music, and life in general. Rest in Peace, Jerry. The next set will be played in your honor and memory.*

Anthony Buyny - October 29, 2023 at 12:41 PM

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“ *My most sincere condolences to all family and friends of Linda Angelo and her beloved father!! I have the privilege of knowing Mr and Mrs R...and staying with them in South Carolina!! What a giving loving fun family!! He will be sorely missed... 💔
Prayers hugs and love to you all
Lisa Planavsky*

Lisa Planavsky - October 22, 2023 at 01:57 PM

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“ *Jerry was a great husband, father, grandfather and brother-in-law. Please say hello to Linda and Lisa for me.*

Frank Losasso - October 20, 2023 at 01:36 PM